



TRI-CITIES METALLIC SILHOUETTE ASSOCIATION
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December 2017 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: January 4 and February 1, 2018 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: Consult our website (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705)

General Announcements

The 2017 club calendar is up on the website (see link above). As always, it may be updated as new things come up, but we hope these changes will be minimal. Be sure to take a look at the calendar before you head out to the range, and pay special attention to which events allow general shooting while the event is going on. We don't want you to waste your time or fuel driving out to the range if you won't be able to shoot.

Membership: Dues: It is \$80 to join with renewals at \$60, or \$40 if you participated in a work party in the last year. If the renewal is late (after July 1st) you will need to rejoin at \$80. You can mail your renewal to the club address during Jan/Feb to save from being on long lines during meetings, or come to a meeting to renew but face the lines. Also please remember that our membership committee is made up of volunteers, and all of them have day jobs, and remember that all mail in the Tri-Cities now goes through Spokane, so make sure to send in your renewal early so you don't get locked out.

TCMSA wants you to know: Don't drive off the established roads. Fire hazard can be **EXTREME**, especially in the summer.

President's Column:

Nominations were made at the December meeting for the elections of your Club Officers and two Board Members. Votes will be cast during the January 4th meeting.

Bill High, the Membership Coordinator will be retiring and leaving the area soon. The Club needs a member that will take over the duties of this position. The duties require the use of a data base to keep track of current and new members, when dues were paid and the work party credits members earn. The position includes a Club owned laptop with software, a monitor, and two printers. Please call me if interested or if you have questions at 628-9044.

A rifle magazine was found at the range and was posted on the bulletin board for about a month without anyone claiming it. If you have lost a rifle mag, tell me what it is and you can get it back.

A new addition is being added to the Club newsletter called **DON'T BE THIS GUY**. It will feature pictures of damage or trash at the range. Recent posting have been someone leaving fired shotgun cases littering the ground and one of the target upright 4x4's that has been severely damage by persons shooting it. You don't want to go to the range and have to clean up someone's trash, or spend Club money to replace shot up equipment.

There is a work party on Sunday, **December 17th at 0800**. Bring tools and burners for getting rid of tumble weeds, we have a bumper crop!

Remember.....no steel core ammo on any of the steel targets! Steel core destroys the targets your club pays for.

Bench Rest/Club Matches: Twelve shooters turned out for the Washington State Hunter Class State Championship at TCMSA in Sept. While the weather was nice and everyone enjoyed the day, the shooters faced a variety of challenges from trigger failures to mild but constantly changing wind conditions. For the remainder of the year, our matches will be "club matches" meaning no sanctioned events so we make up the rules as we go! Match dates for the remainder of the year are October 28th, November 25th, and December 23rd so dust off them varmint guns and come have some fun and get ready for some coyote blasting this winter. B. Birney

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match: The December CMP program had 10 participants, 7 CMP and 3 any/any. CMP is any service rifle with iron sights or scopes of no more than 4.5x. Any/any is any rifle, any sights. You can participate in this program with any military style rifle. You will see ARs, Garands, M1As, Springfields, Mosin Nagants, and about anything else you can

imagine. The course of fire is 50 rounds plus sighters, and the cost is \$5. The next CMP program is January 6th, setup up at 0830 and shooting starts at 0900.

100 yard .22 rimfire Match: The December 9th program had 16 participants, 3 plinker class, 3 prone bipod, 1 prone sling, 4 sportier and 2 unlimited. This program is very popular with all shooters. The next program is January 13th, setup at 0830 and shooting starts at 0900. 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. This is so popular that it has remained free for all participants.

Safety Committee Report: Recent events at the range shows the need for some members to consider how their actions affect other club members.

After halloween someone used their pumpkins as targets on the 7 yd pistol line. While removable impromptu targets are allowed one is supposed to place them so that the bullet impacts a berm and remove the targets when finished. This person did neither leaving the mess for others to cleanup.

At the last CMP match I noticed several boxes of shotgun hulls on the ground that two arriving shot gunners had to clean up before shooting. If you do not reload or shoot disposable cases such as steel rifle cases you are still required to pickup your empties to keep the range clean and so that some other member does not have to do what is your responsibility. It also makes it easier for the next person to find their brass.

Several members have donated items like ear muffs and rifle rests for all to use. Hector Kelly donated a cleaning rod for clearing stuck cases and squib loads. Evidently another member figured he needed it more than the rest of the club and took it home.

Another courtesy item is to remove your targets from the target frames before you leave the range. It is more important this time of year as they get wet and then the wind blows them all over the range requiring manpower at a work party to pickup.

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Don't Be This Guy

- 1) **Our Vice President makes the frames for targets, there is no excuse for using posts as targets.**
- 2) **It is the shooter responsibility and being courteous to other members to pick up your own shotgun hulls and brass even if they are non re-loadable.**



3) Impromptu targets are the shooter responsibility to clean up: Do not leave them for someone else to clean up.

Reminder: Members are responsible for all the guests they bring to the range. Additionally, every member is accountable for the condition of the range.

Announcement: TCMSA would be interested in helping with the upcoming **Sportsman Show at the TRAC** in Jan. on the 19th, 20th, and 21st. The Richland Rod & Gun Club sponsors the pellet range every year at this event and they are in need of volunteers to man this booth. The shifts are either 3 or 4 hours long depending on which day is chosen. If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call Ron Ruth at 509-737-7350.

Board Report: None.

Interested in purchasing US Army surplus 1911's? Here's some info, good and bad...

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Stay safe, keep your powder dry and we'll see you at the range!

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